Power projects pending Government's clearance

1363. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of power projects cleared by the Central Government during the last nine months;

(b) how many power projects are pending as on date and since when; and

(c) what are the impediments in the clearance of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Nine power projects were accorded investment approval during the last nine months.

(b) Details of the power projects which are pending techno-economic clearance in the Central Electricity Authority, are given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) The requirements for techno-economic clearance of power projects by the Central Electricity Authority include comprehensiveness of project reports, response of project authorities to various comments/observations of the Central Electricity Authority/ Central Water Commission, availability of various essential inputs like fuel linkage, water availability and clearances from environment and forest angles, State Pollution Control Board and National Airports Authority etc. resolution of inter-State disputes if any, in sharing of water resources and compliance with provisions of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act. 1948, etc.

Statement

Power Projects pending Government clearance

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Projects	Date of receipt CEA
1	2	3	4
	Northern Region		
1	Haryana	4	5/87 to 3/89
2	Himachal Pradesh	2	7/89 and 1/90
3	Jammu & Kashmir	8	8/87 to 3/90
4	Punjab	2	10/87 and 7/88
5	Uttar Pradesh	2	12/88 and 5/89
6	Rajasthan	1	8/89
	Western Region		
1	Gujarat	4	10/86 to 5/89
2	Madhya Pradesh	3	7/83 and 4/90
3	Maharasthra	6	3/86 to 3/90

1	2	3	4
	Southern Region		
1	Andhra Pradesh	12	6/89 to 4/90
2	Karnataka	2	4/89 and 7/89
3	Kerala	3	12/89 to 4/90
4	Tamil Nadu	3	3/88 to 11/89
	Eastern Region		
1	Bihar	4	8/88 to 1/90
2	West Bengal	5	8/87 to 7/89
	North Eastern Region		
1	Assam	1	12/88
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2	2/89
3	Manipur	4	9/88 to 11/89
4	Tripura	1	1/89

Export of coal to Bangladesh from Meghalaya

1364. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Meghalaya has exported coal to Bangladesh;

(b) if so, what is the quantity of coal exported during the years 1989 and 1990 till date;

(c) whether Government would start scientific and modern mining techniques in Meghalaya; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) According to the information received from the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Limited following quantities of coal from Meghalaya have been exported to Bangladesh.

1988-89	1989-90
2443 tonnes	39062 tonnes.

(c) and (d) Existing coal mining operations in Meghalaya are carried out in the cottage sector by traditional tribal land owners. Scientific and modern mining techniques can only be used if proper mines are opened by Coal India Ltd. In this connection Coal India Ltd. have approved Simsong exploratory mine project.

Delay of flights from

1365. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Mintster of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many flights from Bombay were delayed due to technical faults from Ist July, 1990 onwards;